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**INTERIOR SECRETARY LUJAN NAMES JEFFREY D. ARNOLD
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FOR DEPARTMENT**

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan announced today that he has appointed Jeffrey D. Arnold as Deputy Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs for the Department. In his new position, Arnold will be the Interior Department liaison with the U.S. Senate.

"Jeff Arnold has a decade of experience with Capitol Hill, first as a Senate staff aide and more recently as liaison officer for the Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS)," Lujan said. "Interior has important issues before the Congress, and it is vital that we maintain open lines of communication and consultation with members of Congress. Jeff Arnold has the experience and the respect among members of Congress and staff essential for this mission."

Arnold has served since 1986 as Chief of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs for MMS. He moved to the Interior Department after two years as a professional staff member for the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Arnold worked on the staff of Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon from 1979 to 1985, serving first as an intern, then as staff assistant and as legislative assistant.

A native of Eugene, Oregon, Arnold earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Oregon in 1980. He graduated from South Eugene High School.

Arnold replaces H. Spofford Canfield who left Interior to become special assistant to the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. In his new position, Arnold serves as deputy to James F. Spagnole, Assistant to the Secretary and Director of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Another Deputy Director, Lydia A. Hofer, is the Department's liaison with the House of Representatives.